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 Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This responds to unnumbered Paper dated  
 October 7, 1998.

Reconsideration is respectfully solicited.

Please cancel Claims 1 - 6 now pending in the  
 application.

The single disclosed species, as set forth in  
 Claims 1, 3 and 5 is elected, the right to file a  
 divisional application directed to the species found  
 in Claims 2, 4 and 6 is reserved.

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Applicant, in this response, identifies the apparatus as set forth in the rejected Claims 1, 3 and 5, and the next following Claim 7 is readable thereon.

The argument that new Claim 7 is allowable accompanies the above election.

Please add Claim 7 reading as follows: